

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0009] on page 4 with the rewritten paragraph below:

[0009] Described specifically, the present invention provides a hydrophilic colorant

represented by the following formula (1):

~~{organic pigment} – [linking group}~~  
~~— [hydrophilic compound]~~  
~~(organic pigment) – (linking group) – (hydrophilic compound)~~ (1)

wherein said ~~{organic pigment}~~ organic pigment is a hydrophobic pigment having no hydrophilic group by itself, said ~~{linking group}~~ linking group is a group linking said ~~{organic pigment}~~ organic pigment and said ~~{hydrophilic compound}~~ hydrophilic compound with each other and blocking an effect of said ~~{hydrophilic compound}~~ hydrophilic compound on said ~~{organic pigment}~~ organic pigment, and said ~~{hydrophilic compound}~~ hydrophilic compound is an anionic, cationic and/or nonionic, hydrophilic compound.

Page 37 (Abstract), please replace the Abstract with the attached substitute Abstract.